

The Herald.

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If methodism or that church expects to make any progress in Harney county it would be well for the church or its ministers to make some effort to pay off the indebtedness hanging over the church in this town. The citizens of our county have been liberal at least at the start, and then becoming disgusted at the actions and inactivity of the church or its ministers they no longer take the interest people should. The presiding elder came here nearly one year ago preached a few sermons promising to return in the fall preach to us and deliver a few lectures and the money go towards lifting the indebtedness, but he forgot his promise and we have not seen or received any word from that gentleman. The church or preachers expect us to go to work without their aid or assistance clear the church of debt inform them of the fact and then they will send us a preacher that knows about as much as a last year's kind next, to expound the gospel to us when a ten-year old school-boy can get up in the pulpit and preach a better sermon. The church will spend millions of dollars endeavoring to teach the Chinese the easiest mode of getting rid of all Christians by killing them. And send the best talent the church affords to teach them if possible that they are not Christians and the celestials in 99 cases out of every hundred kill the missionary, consequently all the time, talent and money is lost when it is so badly needed here at home where thousands are falling into the pit-falls of sin and daily sinking lower and lower in misery, licentiousness and intemperance. It was only a few days ago parties here were compelled to pay a debt of sixty dollars which the minister who was on the circuit at the time the note was given promised the men who signed it that he would see to it that they should not pay it when due for he would raise the money and cancel the obligation. After the note ran over a year and the minister had gone to collect souls in another province the parties who were foolish enough to bind themselves for the amount were notified of the fact that the note still stood against them with the interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum. The church and presiding elder were informed of the circumstances pertaining to said note and again it was allowed to run until a few days ago when a part of the parties who signed the note paid the money leaving an impression on the minds of these gentlemen doubting the purity and sincerity of the motives of these good people.

SOME parties doubt the wisdom of the proceedings of the democracy of our town in holding a convention and nominating a party municipal ticket. We do not understand why either a democrat or republican can have any serious objections to a move of that kind. It will be remembered the HERALD strongly advocated the expediency of each party running its own ticket one year ago, but at that time the move met with bitter opposition by many persons who now seem to understand the wisdom of such a course

and strongly advocate a party ticket. We cannot, for our life, see how we can get any better officers by running a citizen's ticket, than by each party nominating a ticket and putting it in the field on its merits, either to sink or swim as the nature of its worth and the ability of the candidates, their trustworthiness and faithful performance of duty should indicate.

While we are perfectly willing to acknowledge that it is a town affair and only concerns those living inside the corporation; still does that cut such a figure in the case as to assure the well being and general prosperity of the town to be better cared for in the hands of a citizen's ticket, than otherwise? We do not see it in that light and if the welfare of the town and its citizens as well as the good which results from party organization is the motive we say "God speed!" If the motive be a selfish, selfish one, indulged in by either or both parties not having the welfare of the town and citizens as well as to further the interest and permanent organization of the parties, then of course, a ticket of that nature whether it be a party or citizen ticket should be condemned.

THE public, when it comes right down to cases and facts, favors for our next President the one tried man who has not been found wanting and who filled that honorable and responsible office to his own credit and that of the nation. One who had the moral courage to stand by his honest convictions of right; one who at all times and under all circumstances came to the relief of the honest and worthy supplicant; the people's prayers and petitions for the enforcement and enactment of laws to protect the weak from the tyranny of the strong and an earnest effort on his part to equalize capital so as to benefit the people and protect them from the shysters and corporations, who are daily striving for the supremacy at the expense of the laborer, and whose sympathy was always with the settler and against oppression. That man is Grover Cleveland.

IS THE Circuit Judge matter it is understood that the Oregon delegation has maintained that Joseph Simon was the best man for the position, yet there are before the President four other names from Oregon, among them being Fulton, Lord and Gilbert. It is understood that the members of the delegation from Oregon have also said that they have nothing whatever to say against the appointment of any of these men, believing that any one of them would make good judges; but at the same time they adhere most earnestly to their first recommendation. Simon cannot be appointed at any event. Charges have been made, not only against him as to his fitness, but there have been brought in certain things connected with him personally which, it is said, have determined the President not to appoint him. "We are in for only four years," the President has remarked, "but judges are appointed for life, and those we make judges will act, and their acts will continue long after we are forgotten." Consequently he is very particular in his selection for so important a place. The prospect now are that Hanford will be appointed, even after the President

has considered all the other applications.—Portland World.

THE decision of the supreme court, in the case of Nebraska's governorship, in deciding a few days since in favor of Boyd giving him possession of the office which legally belonged to him all this time, and was usurped by Thayer, shows plainly to what extent the judiciary can be prostituted when influenced by partisan motives.

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